



June 9, 2004

Mr. Dion Novak
Superfund Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard, Mail Code: SR-6J
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Monthly Progress Report – May 2004
Eagle Zinc Site, Hillsboro, Illinois

Dear Mr. Novak:

This progress report has been prepared pursuant to the December 31, 2001 Administrative Order by Consent (AOC) for the Eagle Zinc Company site located in Hillsboro, Illinois, and includes activities conducted during May 2004.

I. Activities Conducted During Reporting Month

Activities conducted during the reporting period included:

- USEPA comments on the draft Human Health Risk Assessment Report and draft Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment Report were received in letters dated May 2, 2004 and May 3, 2004, respectively (both letters were received by ENVIRON via electronic mail on May 4, 2004 and in hard copy on May 11, 2004).
- As requested in your electronic mail message sent to Ross Jones on May 14, 2004, ENVIRON prepared and submitted a discussion document dated May 24, 2004 for use at the meeting with USEPA on June 2, 2004.

II. Difficulties Encountered During Reporting Month

No difficulties were encountered during the reporting month.

III. Changes in Key Project Personnel

No changes in key project personnel have occurred.

IV. Sampling and Testing Results

No sampling or testing results were received during the reporting period.

V. Project Schedule

The current Project Schedule, including actual dates for completed tasks, is attached to this letter. As actual dates have not been established for the submission of the final risk assessment reports, the schedule is displayed only through the "Risk Assessment Report Review Meeting." Future progress reports will include anticipated schedule dates for all project milestones following the determination of the risk assessment submission dates.

VI. Activities Planned for Next Reporting Month

The following activities are planned for June 2004:

- A technical review meeting for the draft risk assessment reports was held with USEPA and its representatives on June 2, 2004. Based on our discussions concerning the remaining risk assessment activities, and a letter received from Thomas Krueger via electronic mail on June 8, 2004 that memorializes several of the agreements reached during the meeting, it is anticipated that the following items will be submitted to USEPA during June 2004:
 - A response to the June 8, 2004 letter from Thomas Krueger will be submitted on or before June 15, 2004.
 - A draft deed restriction for the site property, which will provide that the property will be used only for industrial/commercial purposes, will be submitted on or before June 15, 2004.
 - In accordance with the schedule memorialized in Thomas Krueger's June 8, 2004 letter, detailed responses to the comments contained in USEPA's May 2, 2004 and May 3, 2004 letters, including proposed changes to the text, figures, tables, etc., will be submitted as follows: (1) responses to USEPA's comments on the draft Human Health Risk Assessment will be submitted on or before June 29, 2004; and (2) responses to USEPA's comments on the draft Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment will be submitted either on or before June 29, 2004 (if the requirement for on-site ecological risk assessment is disputed by the Parties), or on or before July 13, 2004 (if the requirement for on-site ecological risk assessment is not disputed by the Parties).
- As discussed during the June 2, 2004 meeting, representatives of T.L. Diamond Company will contact you to discuss its ongoing evaluation of possible scenarios for the disposition of the historic plant residue materials.

If you have any questions concerning this progress report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ENVIRON International Corporation



F. Ross Jones, P.G.
Manager

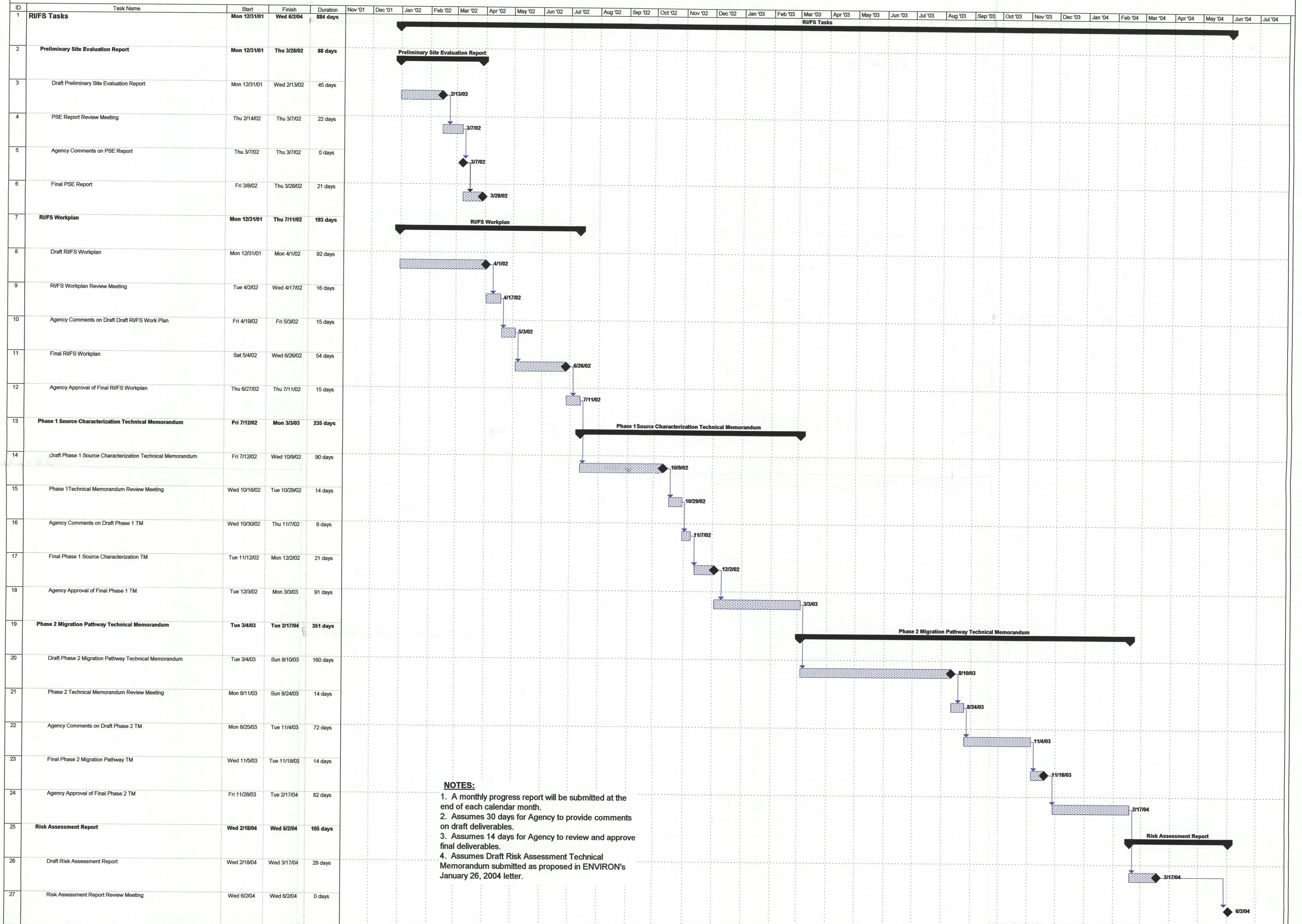
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Attachment

cc: Thomas Krueger, Esq. – USEPA Region 5
Rick Lanham – IEPA Bureau of Land
Chris English – CH2M Hill
John Ix, Esq. – Dechert
Paul Harper – Eagle-Picher
Gordon Kuntz – Sherwin-Williams
Roy Ball – ENVIRON

EAGLE ZINC -RI/FS SCHEDULE
EAGLE ZINC COMPANY SITE HILLSBORO, IL



NOTES:
 1. A monthly progress report will be submitted at the end of each calendar month.
 2. Assumes 30 days for Agency to provide comments on draft deliverables.
 3. Assumes 14 days for Agency to review and approve final deliverables.
 4. Assumes Draft Risk Assessment Technical Memorandum submitted as proposed in ENVIRON's January 26, 2004 letter.